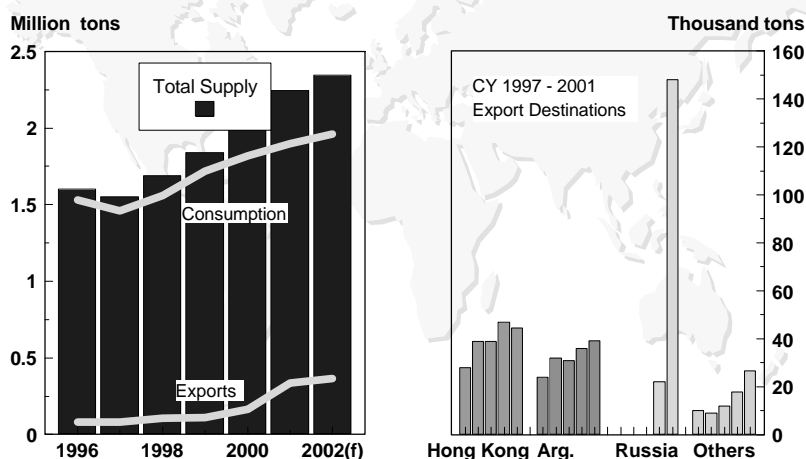


Brazil's Swine and Pork Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001(p)	2002 (f)
Swine (1,000 head)							
Total Supply*	59,646	58,660	59,142	59,712	60,540	61,640	62,483
Slaughter	21,735	20,865	21,160	23,352	24,520	26,475	28,060
Pork (1,000 tons; carcass weight equivalent)							
Production	1,600	1,540	1,690	1,835	2,010	2,216	2,340
Consumption	1,530	1,468	1,581	1,727	1,827	1,898	1,980
Exports	80	82	105	109	163	337	365

* Total supply = beginning inventories + pig crop + imports.

Brazil's Late '90's Pork Production Surge Meets Growing Domestic Demand and Supports Export Expansion, Especially to Russia



Brazil's pork production for 2002 is forecast up about 6 percent to a fifth consecutive record of 2.3 million tons. Production is bolstered by firm demand in the domestic and export market, continued investments in sow production in the Center-West region of the country, continued low feed costs, and remunerative prices to producers. Pork production is concentrated in the South region but is expanding in the Center-West region. This region offers better feed availability at lower cost as the grains/oilseed complex expands, faces fewer environmental restrictions, and receives better incentives offered by state governments. Pork exports for 2002 are forecast at a record 365,000 tons, reflecting sales into new markets, a surge in pork exports to Russia, and the devaluation of the Brazilian currency. Pork exporters are targeting Russia, Asian, and Latin American markets through a strategy of intensifying their participation in trade shows and trade missions to specific markets. U.S. pork exports to Brazil totaled \$140,000 in 2001.